

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOANS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial institutions and private money lenders who were having arrears against farmers who have committed suicides in the country alongwith the outstanding amount;
- (b) the details of assistance provided to the family members of such farmers;
- (c) whether they suffered losses due to cultivation of hybrid seeds; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against the said seed manufacturing companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): Information regarding arrears and outstanding amount from financial institutions and private money lenders against farmers who have committed suicides in the country are not collected by the present information collection system of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and financial institutions. However, total institutional agricultural loans outstanding against farmers including the farmers who have committed suicides in the country as on 31.12.2010 was Rs.582106.88 crore.

(b): Government of India is implementing a special rehabilitation package for providing assistance to the farmers in 31 suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra. An amount of Rs.19531.05 crore has been released under this package till 31st December, 2010. Further, the Government has also implemented Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008 under which as per provisional estimates, about 3.69 crore farmers have been provided debt waiver/debt relief amounting to Rs.65318.33 crore. In addition, the State Government of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have provided ex-gratia assistance of Rs. one lakh and the Government of Kerala Rs.50,000 to next of the kin of the farmers who committed suicide. Subsidized/ free education facilities, health care facilities are also provided to such families by some State Governments. State Governments have also taken measures for providing livelihood support to the family members of farmers who have committed suicide.

(c) & (d): Reports have been received from Government of Chattisgarh regarding variation in the plant height and difference in the time of flowering with sterility of the paddy hybrid KRH-2 distributed in Kharif – 2010 in 8 districts of the State. The State Government is empowered to take action in such cases.